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Felicitations For Ingrid

Rome, Feb. 5.—The Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini, today said that he and actress Ingrid Bergman received "about 5,000 congratulatory telegrams and messages since the birth of their son on Thursday night."

Rossellini said the "mess" came from everywhere. Most of them were from people we did not know.

Rossellini was the Sunday morning visitor at the Villa Margherita clinic where Miss Bergman is confined. Hospital sources said Miss Bergman and her son are in fine health. —United Press.

H.K. Striko Incident

Peking Radio Warms Up On Subject

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—The Chinese Communist radio in the further communitarian demonstration in Hongkong last week declared today "We warn the culprits of this incident that the working class of China will brook no suppression of our brother workers. Four hundred thousand Peking workers support the just demands of the Hongkong fraternal workers."

The Peking Trade Union Council, which is now in session, passed a resolution protesting the Hongkong Government's "brutal action," the radio declared.

"Only some days ago," the radio said, "Britain expressed her desire to establish diplomatic relations with the People's China, and now the Hongkong Police suppress our brother workers with armed force. This eloquently reveals the hypocrisy and true colours of imperialism."

Chairman of the Peking University Students' Union, Wang Hsueh-chun, described the action of the Hongkong Police as an "insult to the Chinese people," the broadcast concluded. —United Press.

Good For The Soul

Leeds, Feb. 5.—Britain's Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison revealed today that when he is home he helps wash the dishes.

"I find it good for my soul," he said. —Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

More Unreasonable Demands

THE Tramway workers have decided to issue more "demands"—this time to the Commissioner of Police, whose men, in the face of extreme provocation last week, merely carried out their duties for the maintenance of civil law and order. More becoming would have been an expression of regret that certain elements among the strikers had been responsible for an alarming disturbance, and a resolution giving assurances that there would be no repetition of that sort of behaviour. The Tramway men appear to be determined to try and dictate all along the line. The attitude has characterised their negotiations with the management in the current dispute, and now, apparently, they feel they must maintain the same posture with the Authorities. Amongst other things they demand the immediate and unconditional termination of Police occupation of their union headquarters. They are not entitled to any such concession. Only the most solemn assurances that the premises will be used in a lawful manner would justify the Authorities handing them back to the Union. The Tramway men, seemingly, are not disposed to give such promises. Therefore, in the interests of public safety and order, they should remain under the guardianship of the Police. The strikers also require "full compensation for damage done to the Union's premises and others" yet they offer no evidence in the first place as to what damage, if any, has been caused by last week's Police action, nor do they realise that if there were any damage, they, by their irresponsible behaviour, were the original cause of it. A third demand is for an official public apology,

which provides an ironical touch. To most people it would seem that if there is to be any apologising, it should come from the men who created last week's disturbance resulting in injuries to Police officers as well as demonstrators. The Tramway men persist in striking a pose which in fact losing for them any popular sympathy. Having committed a breach of the peace they blandly expect those who were responsible to escape scot free, and to enjoy the right of creating civil disorder whenever they are so inclined. They are labouring under a misapprehension. A dispute over working conditions with the management is principally their own affair, although, naturally, the public are interested because withdrawal of the tram services means inconvenience and discomfort. But the public generally appreciates the necessity of maintaining law and order and any threat to this state of affairs, whether it comes from Tramway strikers or others, must be resisted. That is the simple explanation for the Police action which the Tramway men so vehemently criticise, and until and unless these workers realise the necessity for behaving in a manner that does not violate the laws of the Colony, they must expect the Authorities to take a strong line. In fact, any weakening on the part of the Police in the carrying out of their duties to preserve peace and the safety of life and property would, quite rightly, produce strong public protests. The demands which the Tramway workers intend to present to the Authorities are wholly inconsistent with realities and do not deserve serious consideration.

180 Million Lire Bid For Masterpiece

Rome, Feb. 5.—An unnamed Milanese industrialist has offered 180 million lire for Michael Angelo's last masterpiece—a statue of the "Mourning Madonna."

The statue has been offered for sale by the heirs of its last owners, Count Roberto Sanseverino, who died in 1846. Two conditions are attached to its sale. It must not leave Italy and the Italian Government will be given two months to match any final bid.

The statue, a marble figure of the Madonna mourning the dead Christ, is known as the Rondanini "Pieta." It stood for many centuries in the courtyard of the Rondanini Palace, in the heart of Rome.

But the Milanese industrialist's bid will probably not be enough, since art experts estimate the statue—390 years old—to be worth the equivalent of £150,000. —Reuter.

More Interested In Football Than The Election Campaign

Leeds, Feb. 5.—Mr Winston Churchill's visit barely made a dent into this city's current rage—football.

The leader of the Conservative Party and the Labour government's Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison picked a difficult time to make their campaign appeals here for the February 23 election.

Mr Churchill's speech on Saturday drew about 7,000 in side and outside the Town Hall in Victoria Square.

A football game of Leeds United team, at the same time, was watched by at least three times that many. The Leeds United first team was away from home beating Coventry 4 to 0. Looking all season, it has recently come to life and aroused rapid response of the town's sportsmen.

In the pubs and clubs, fans replayed the game on Sunday. Mr Churchill and Mr Morrison were vague figures.

"The election, that's days away yet," said one lanky Yorkshireman as he lifted his tankard.

"That next Wednesday our team gets another crack at the Cup Tie."

Mr Morrison made the Labour Party's first speech of a broadcast series from a studio without an audience here on Saturday night. He is speaking three times today and has

more speaking dates for Monday at Labour Party meetings in this district.

It is difficult to tell just what impact Mr Churchill's and Mr Morrison's visits have had. Political observers here believe a majority of the people already have made up their mind how they will cast their ballot. And for that reason, they say politics is not a lively topic of general discussion.

Most of the under-dressed appeared to be of the middle class. "Most of us are Liberals slightly to the left at heart," one of them said, "but we are beginning to wonder what 'Politically' will happen to us."

Leeds had five Labour and one Conservative MP in the last Parliament. Under redistribution, the city gets one more seat. Of the seven seats at stake in this election, local politicians say two appear safe for the Conservatives and two for Labour with the other three, Associated Press.

CRIPPS' WARNING

London, Feb. 5.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told a South London election meeting tonight: "There is a very great danger today that reaction may sweep over Europe. The one great safeguard against a reaction sweeping over Europe is that there should be a Labour Government or a progressive Government in Britain."

Sir Stafford continued saying: "I have just returned from a week in Paris during which I met many politicians from different parts of Europe. The old cry—let the profit earner free—is again being heard in various countries in Europe. That is why all progressive forces on the Continent of Europe are anxious that we here play our part in halting the return of that reactionary policy."

Sir Stafford claimed: "Surely we have brought about a recovery from the disruption and destruction of war more rapidly and more efficiently than any other country which suffered in the same way."

When an interrupter shouted "No," the Chancellor exclaimed: "People who study the facts say 'Yes.'" —Reuter.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES

London, Feb. 5.—The Liberal Party Headquarters tonight announced that the number of Liberal candidates selected to fight the General Election had passed the 480 mark and more were expected to be nominated.

Mr Frank Byers, the Liberal chief Whip in the Parliament last dissolved, when adopted as a candidate for Blandford, North Dorset, said that the Liberal Party believed in social reform and had pioneered most of the measures from which the country was benefitting, but it refused to accept the idea that it got social reform. —Reuter.

Communists Said To Be Planning Berlin Putsch

MAY 28 DEMONSTRATION: WESTERN POWERS READY

Berlin, Feb. 5.—Western intelligence sources said here today that they had received reports that the Communists were planning to turn their 500,000-man youth demonstration here on Sunday, May 28, into a putsch for power. They said reports to that effect had been piling up in their files for the past month, but they emphasised that they had no way of confirming them.

Mr Kenneth Downs, American public affairs chief in Berlin, said: "We have plans for all eventualities. Naturally normal security measures will be taken."

A high German source said the Western powers and German officials were conferring on the threat. He refused to say what measures would be taken because "we consider it unwise to tell the enemy our plans in advance."

American intelligence sources in Frankfurt said several reports of the Communist plans had been made. They added that they all "looked quite serious."

Charges that the Communists planned to "conquer" West Berlin added to the general case of jitteriness caused here by Russian on-again, off-again "baby blockade." It was on again tonight after restrictions were eased for nearly 24 hours. At Heinstedt, tonight Soviet guards took up to 10 minutes to check each truck's papers and cargo and the backlog soon built up to 25 trucks.

Police broke up Communist attempts to demonstrate in the French sector of Berlin and arrested 30 persons. Allied sources said they regarded the skirmish as part of the Communist campaign to back up the Soviet's "little blockade" with a war of nerves in Western parts of the city.

Use of the French sector hall for a left rally had been refused by the police said about 100 persons planned to seize the hall anyway. They were taken into custody by West German police, who were waiting for them on the sector border.

Western officials expected the Russians to intensify the "little blockade" in wake of the sharp Soviet rejection of Allied charges that the Soviets were hindering traffic.

The West German police clash with Communist demonstrations was the first violence since the Russians clamped their "little blockade" on Berlin on January 18.

The Russians were passing from four to ten trucks an hour at the zonal border checkpoint at Heinstedt.

Reports that the Communists were planning a putch followed an announcement by Gerhard Eisler, former Communist agent in the United States and now East German Minister of Information, on January 31, "From May 27 to May 30 Berlin, Germany and the whole world will witness the most gigantic march of German youth ever to take place in Germany."

He said 20,000 specially-trained members of the Free German Youth, the Soviet Zone Communist organisation would demonstrate in the Western sectors. Sponsors of the youth rally have asked British permission to hold sporting events in the Olympic Stadium on May 28, the day the putch reportedly would be attempted.

Reports received by Allied intelligence said the Communists planned to tie up West Berlin's airport, overpower West Berlin's 11,000 policemen and take over the city government.

One intelligence source said, "We cannot vouch for the absolute truth of the reports, but we think there is a lot of truth in them. There is no doubt something will come off. It looks like dynamite."

Eisler said 500,000 youths would be gathered here from Germany, Russia, China, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, France, Italy, Austria, Norway and Sweden. —United Press.

WANTS TANKS USED

Bonn, Feb. 5.—The Western Powers should place tanks at the approaches to the Western sectors of Berlin to prevent Communist demonstrators occupying the entire city during a planned big Whitman rally, the West German Social Democratic leader, Herr Kurt Schumacher, said here today.

He declared that unless they took this precaution it would be

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SO THE DEAL WAS OFF

Naples, Feb. 5.—Signor Vincenzo Marvasi, 35-year-old Neapolitan, sold his wife, Clara, to a friend for 40,000 lire. But his friend, a Signor Vinciguerra, after several days, decided that he wanted his money back.

Signor Marvasi refused, so both men—taking the "article" with them—went to the local magistrate. Marvasi displayed a "bill of sale" receipted with postage stamps.

The magistrate took one look and said that the sale was illegal—there was only 70 lire worth of stamps on the bill instead of 80.—Reuter.

Bad Weather Hinders Salvage

An official of Messrs Möllers this morning stated that the Prince Salvor, a Royal Naval salvage vessel on loan to their salvage department is still grounded on a reef on Pratas.

As yet, no further attempts have been made to pull the ship off by the salvage vessel Margaret Möller which has been lying off since yesterday. Bad weather has so far made impossible any attempts to board the stricken ship.

The official stated this morning that the ship is holed and leaking in Nos. 1 & 2 holds and is down by the head.

The official further stated that no further news of the situation is expected until late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

Children Frozen To Death

Tehran, Feb. 5.—Ten children have been frozen to death in Ahah, a city Northwest of Azarbaijan, a government official reported today.

Thousands of refugees who came to Tehran a few months ago and are now being sent back to Azarbaijan have been trapped on the roads by the heavy snow.

Army planes are dropping food, and several parties of parachute and cavalry units are taking sick refugees to nearby towns on horseback. —Associated Press.

New Chairman Of Atomic Energy Commission

Washington, February 5.—President Truman has offered the chairmanship of the United States Atomic Energy Commission to 40-year-old Charles Luckman who recently quit the \$300,000 a year job as president of Lever Brothers Company, it was reported today.

Asked to confirm the report, Mr. Luckman told the United Press, "You would have to ask the President to get a direct answer. I will not deny or confirm the report."

The White House refused to comment.

The \$17,500 a year post becomes vacant on February 15 when Mr. David Lilienthal retires to private life after three years at the helm of the vital \$4,000,000,000 atom bomb programme. Other quarters said he is having a hard time in finding a qualified man.

The President is believed anxious to fill the vacancy quickly so the Commission can proceed in full speed ahead on building the super-secret hydrogen bomb.

Coast Guards To Rescue

Ancona, Feb. 5.—Italian Coast Guard boats raced out from this Adriatic port tonight to try to rescue an Italian fishing boat which straggled that she was being seized by Yugoslav forces. The Coast Guard radio station here received this radio message from the trawler, Angela: "Am being boarded by Yugoslav fishery patrol outside Yugoslav waters. Please send help. We will try to... then the message faded out."

Hourly authorities said that the Angela had a crew of 15 on board. Repeated Italian protests over the sequestration of fishing vessels have been rejected by the Yugoslavs, who maintain that the Italians have been "poaching" in Yugoslav territorial waters.—Reuter.

RED PLOT IN BOLIVIA CRUSHED

La Paz, Bolivia, Feb. 5.—The police today announced that a Communist plot to "attack" Bolivia's electric power and food supplies had been crushed by the arrest of an undisclosed number of persons.

The official announcement said persons arrested included seven foreign Communists and 19 persons who recently raided a collective market.

The nationwide onslaught was reportedly scheduled to start tomorrow. The Communist conspiracy was reported just three weeks after the government had proclaimed a "state of siege" in Bolivia to frustrate an alleged right wing attempt to overthrow the government.

It was not clear whether the attacks on Bolivia's economic key-stones were to have taken the form of sabotage attempts, outright seizure or paralyzing strikes. The police statement said the Bolivian plot was linked with the wave of "totalitarian" strikes which had crippled Chile for 12 days.

RETURN TO NORMAL

Business and industry in Chile, which borders Bolivia to the south, returned to normal only yesterday.

The communiques said seven foreign agitators—two Chileans, three Peruvians and two Bolivians—had been sent here to help the local Communists plan the attack. The official announcement said Bolivia's "recently formed" Communist Party, aided by foreign Reds, had planned to act simultaneously on four fronts:

1. Subversive literature, to be distributed to the public.
 2. Simultaneous attacks on electricity plants and water-works.
 3. Sabotage sources of food supply.
 4. Aggressive public demonstrations to provoke the police.
- The police said the Bolivian Communist party was directed by Sergio Almaraz and Jose Perilla. —United Press.

MR CUBE HAS STARTED AN ELECTION ARGUMENT

From Our Own Correspondent

MEET Mr Cube, the man who made his first appearance in Britain a couple of months ago and has set the whole nation arguing. He symbolises Tate and Lyle's determination to resist the threat of nationalisation — a threat which would become a reality if the Labour Party won the General Election and implemented its pledge to take over the sugar refining industry.

Adopting various attitudes of aggression, servility or indignation, Mr Cube makes his appearance almost daily in the advertisement columns of the National Press, along with a selection from Tate and Lyle's considerable repertoire of anti-nationalisation slogans.

Two Chinese On Canada's Leper Island

By KNOWLTON NASH

Beaverbrook, Canada, Feb. 5. — Two Chinese lepers, a man and a woman, have been found on the remote island of St. Paul, one of the most isolated of the Canadian leper colonies. The man, named Charlie, and the woman, named Mary, were found by a party of leprologists who had been sent to the island to check on the progress of the leprosy epidemic.

But years ago, when the leprosy epidemic was at its height, the island was a place of horror. At that time, the leprologists found that the lepers were suffering from a disease which was not only fatal but also very painful. The lepers were kept in a place where they could not see or hear anyone else, and they were given no food or drink except what was sent to them by the leprologists. The lepers were kept in a place where they could not see or hear anyone else, and they were given no food or drink except what was sent to them by the leprologists.

TWO CHINESE LEFT

Now it is a different story. The two Chinese lepers, Charlie and Mary, are now the only ones left on the island. They are both in good health and are able to see and hear. They are also able to talk to each other. The leprologists are now able to see and hear them, and they are able to give them food and drink. The leprologists are now able to see and hear them, and they are able to give them food and drink.

DOCTORS CALLS REGULARLY

At the same time, the leprologists are also calling the doctors regularly. The doctors are now able to see and hear the lepers, and they are able to give them food and drink. The doctors are now able to see and hear the lepers, and they are able to give them food and drink. The doctors are now able to see and hear the lepers, and they are able to give them food and drink.

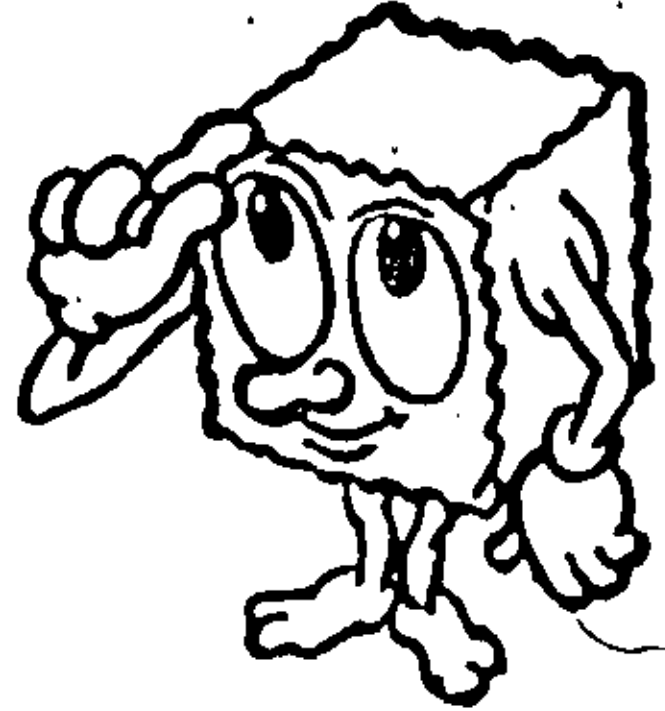
BOY AGED 8 WRITES NOVEL

Eight-year-old Axel d'Elter has had his first book, "The Exciting Forest," published in London. He wrote it when he was six, and has since written another novel, about two swans on Lake Geneva. His second book is to be published by Methuen of London. The foreword to "The Exciting Forest" is by Axel's guardian, playwright Clifford Dax. "My chief duty is to guarantee this quaint story by a boy only just turned six," Dax says. "I must say that the author wrote his story first in French and then translated it into English."

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



London, Feb. 1.



MR CUBE

Does that sound complicated? Well, rest assured that the whole of Britain and that in which many a prominent King's Council is just as baffled as you are. But the trouble has been given. That is, the Government has decided to take over the sugar refining industry.

THE PUZZLE

The puzzle, when one gets down to it, is a very simple one. It is a puzzle which each party must solve for itself with the help of its legal advisers. And the advice they have been given is to treat the Prime Minister's announcement as the signal for the beginning of hostilities.

Now Mr Cube enters the picture. He is only one symbol in the fight against nationalisation. Other industries, notably in transport, cement and meat distribution, have started similar campaigns against the threat of nationalisation. But Mr Cube is the only one who is carrying on the fight in the name of the sugar refining industry.

Government supporters in fact, members of the Conservative Party, Lord Lyle, who is Mr Cube's manager, and chief second says it does not. And that is the case.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

Assuming the Conservatives win the General Election, it would be open for a Court of Law to order an election to be held to decide a campaign expense. And as Mr. M. and Mr. M. have been going on about it, it is not clear during the course of the arguments which have been going on about it.

It is a thorny question and one which has not been made any clearer during the course of the arguments which have been going on about it. But there was sufficient foundation to the Government's view to cause the Conservatives, hastily, to disassociate themselves from Mr. Cube's campaign.

Speaking in defence of his campaign, Lord Lyle, who is Mr. M. and Mr. M. have been going on about it, it is not clear during the course of the arguments which have been going on about it.

NINE DRAWINGS

With a few of its strong jaws, and lots of patience, junior can blow three bubbles in one two little ones made one big one.

This is only the beginning of spectacular improvements in bubblegum announced by the makers, which include — Luminous gum — bubbles brightly in the dark. Opalescent gum — changes colour as you walk. Ammoniated gum — good for the teeth.

Vitamin gum — saves swallowing expensive pills. Soon the bubblegum addicts will be blowing out bubbles illustrated with pictures of Brooklyn Bridge or a favourite movie star.

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Calwell's Cases Reviewed

Latest of the White Australia controversial cases found in the files of Mr Arthur Calwell and now being investigated by his successor, Immigration Minister Holt, concerns two brothers from Ceylon. One was accepted as an Australian settler. The other is barred because "his skin is much darker and he is not predominantly European in appearance. Both are descended from Dutch settlers in Ceylon."

NEWS IN PICTURES



TOP INTERNATIONAL RATING—This plane, the Prince, shown near London, is the first British aircraft in its class to achieve the category "A" of the International Civil Aviation Organisation. It carries eight to 12 passengers, and can be easily converted for use in freight and mail service.



CUTE CATCH—Satin makes a shimmering bow into the sports wardrobe as a trimming on the two-piece playsuit modelled by Mary Brown at Miami Beach, Florida. It appears at the neckline and cap sleeves, as well as the waistband.



JAPAN'S SACRED MOUNTAIN—This excellent view from Yokohama shows the world-famous sacred mountain, Fujiyama. Rising to well over 12,000 feet, this object of intense Japanese adoration is almost a perfect cone in shape.



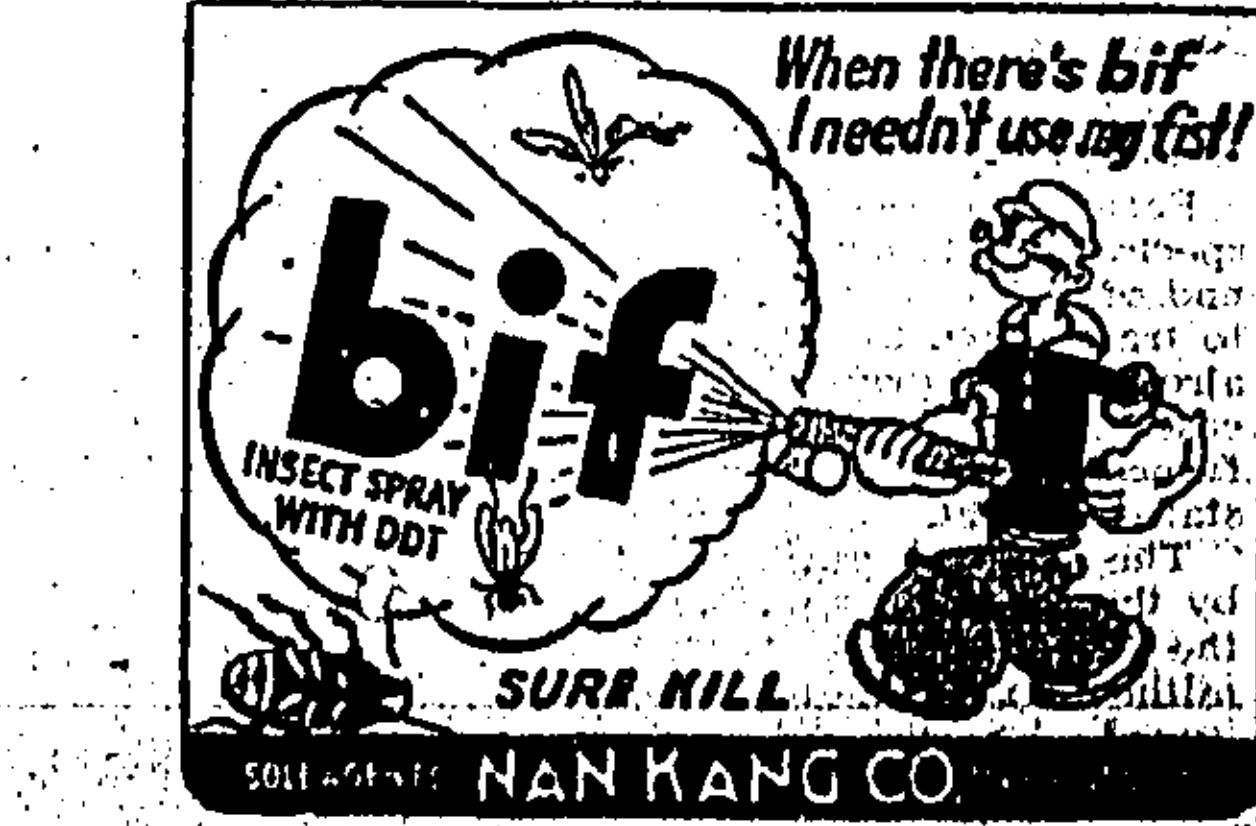
LOTS OF SILVER HERE—Dolores Medlin, chosen as 1950 "Swim for Health" Queen at Miami Beach, Florida, shows you how heavy her trophy is. The weight of her cup is apparently too great to permit her to straighten up.



WINTER SPORTS IN BERLIN—These youngsters stamp the snow down on the steps of the ruined Reichstag building in the German city to transform it into a ski run. The season's first snowfall brought children out from the city's three zones to participate in winter sports. Skiing in the city is something of a novelty.



IN ON THE ACT—More than 2,000 dogs and their masters staged a demonstration in Milan, Italy, to protest against an increase in dog taxes. This white poodle wears a paper hat with the phrase "I protest—death to taxes." Police had to disperse the demonstrators, who broke up with shouts, barks and bolls.



SCIENCE CONDEMNS DECISION TO

MAKE H-BOMB

Monopoly Hope Will Be Pure Illusion

New York, Feb. 5.—The Council of the Federation of American Scientists told the nation today to quit depending on the "false security" of the hydrogen bomb and urged a fresh American start toward peace through mutual agreement and disarmament.

"We can be sure that if we build H-bombs the Russians will build them also," the scientists said in a statement following a meeting in New York. The Council represents 1,500 scientists in 40 states.

Warning that "no weapon, however powerful, can give security to any nation," the Council asked President Truman to set up a new Commission "to examine the whole issue of our atomic policy and to make a fresh start looking toward a policy which offers some hope of breaking the present stubborn deadlock."

The atomic race does not seem to have stopped the danger of the horrible hydrogen bomb, and the monopoly of the few nations which possess it is a false security. The Council said that the hydrogen bomb is a new and more powerful weapon, but it is not a magic bullet. It is a weapon of mass destruction, and it is a weapon which can be used by anyone who has the technology to build it.

GRUESOME FLORIDA TRAGEDY

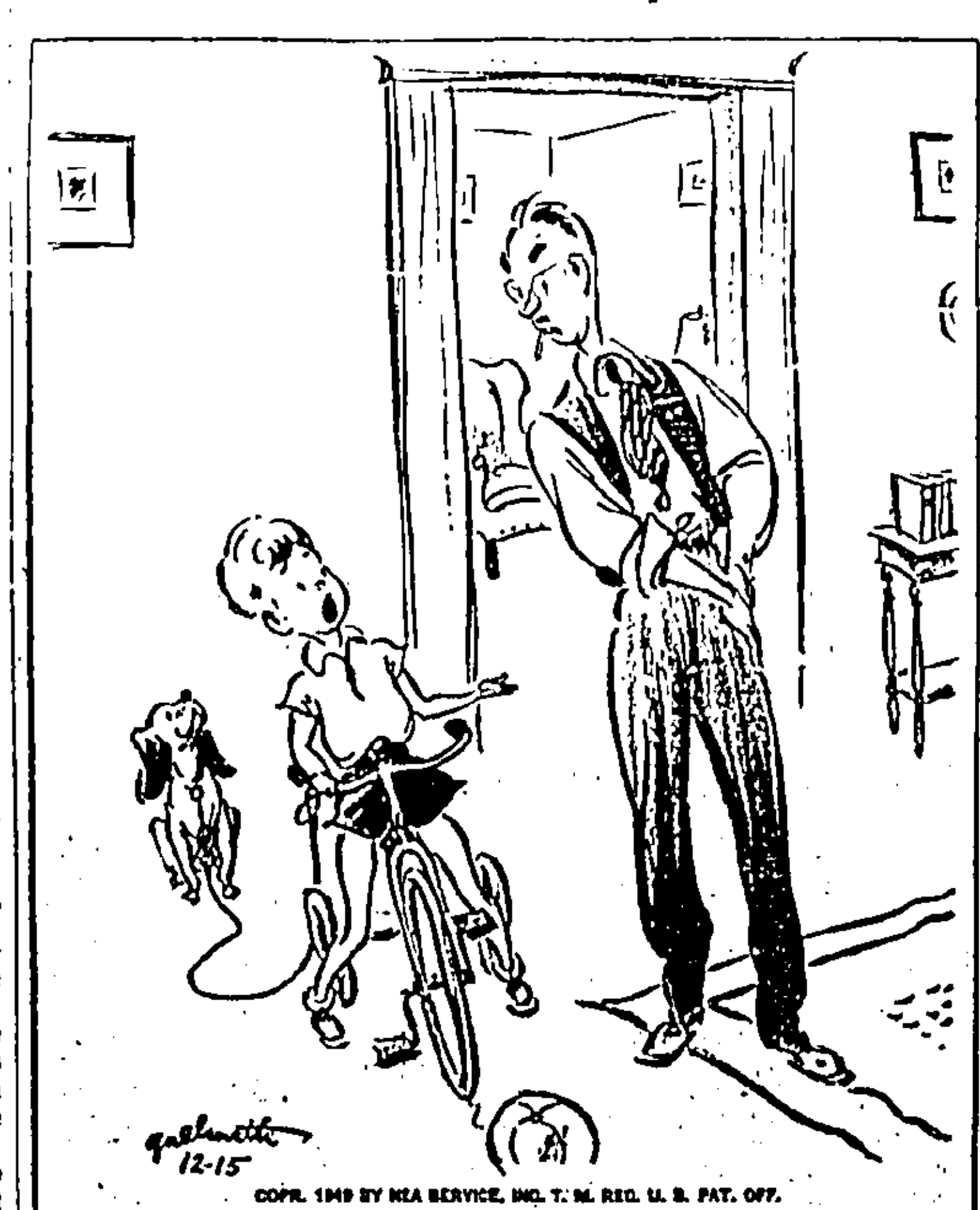
London, Feb. 5.—A 27-year-old cancer-ridden woman tonight shot her husband and two children in a Florida home, and then turned the gun on herself.

Elizabeth, a 27-year-old woman, was found dead in her bed, surrounded by the bodies of her husband and two children. The police are investigating the case, and it is believed that the woman was suffering from a severe mental illness.

Two Destructive Fires

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Two fires today destroyed a total of 100,000 sq. ft. of property in the city. The fires were caused by faulty wiring and a gas leak.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"But, Pop, I've got a lot of expenses you didn't have as a boy—atomic guns, jet planes, radar—!"

The Pistol Grip Pump



"Piped Beer" drawn from a pistol grip pump attached to the bar is now in use in the lounge of the Garden City Hotel, Sherwood, Nottingham. Our picture shows the manager filling up the glasses of his customers.

Secret Investigation By Senate Of Fuchs Trial Revelations

Washington, Feb. 5. The FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, will give Congress a confidential report tomorrow on the Dr Klaus Fuchs atomic spy case. He already has said publicly that its "ramifications" in this country are being traced a hint that other suspects may fall into the FBI net.

Pakistan Follows Her Own Line

New Delhi, Feb. 5.—Pakistan's decision to anounce tomorrow the withdrawal of her trade ban against South Africa, and India's intention not to lift the ban as long as South Africa remains in the Union, were disclosed in correspondence between the Indian and Pakistan Governments released here today.—Reuter.

Communists Plan Big Berlin Coup

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Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—The Western Allies giving up Berlin. In a speech, the Soviet Union said that it had 600,000 Soviet zone German youths. Education members planned a march on the town capital with the objective of demonstrating in favour of the Communist demand for a united Germany and the withdrawal of all Occupation forces.

Communists youth in Berlin Eastern sector would be fully mobilized, he added, and the Communists proposed bringing 200,000 demonstrators by rail to the city to demand the withdrawal of all Occupation forces.

He intimated that the Social Democratic Party would not take any initiative in the matter, but was anxious that the Federal Government and the High Commission should confer on measures to deal with the danger.

TO WEAR UNIFORM

Dr Schumacher added that the demonstrators would wear a uniform of a blue shirt and shorts. They would also be wearing badges and would carry a knapsack and a stick.

Some of the organizers would arrive in Berlin earlier to prepare the ground for the demonstration.

Mr Hoover will testify in secret before the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee which is investigating the possibility of trying to extradite Fuchs from London for an American trial, but sees scant chance of success.

Fuchs, seized by Scotland Yard on information dug up by the FBI, allegedly has confessed giving Russia vital American and British secrets on the atom bomb and the dread new hydrogen experiments.

It found guilty when he goes on trial before the British court on Friday, he could get 14 years in prison. The maximum penalty for a espionage in the United States is death.

Members of the Atomic Committee told the United Press they had discussed asking the State Department to try and extradite Fuchs, but that a secret hope.

Fuchs, a German-born British scientist, worked in secret America for the U.S. atomic bomb project, facing public questioning on why his security officers failed to detect where the British clearance of a man whom Mr Hoover has described as a paid Russian agent planted in Britain.

SECRET AGREEMENT

Some Senators predicted that the retired general might defend himself by bringing out some "confidential details" of the still secret 1943 "Quebec agreement" between the President Roosevelt and the then British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. They implied that the agreement might have required General Groves to accept Fuchs' "dishonesty" without question.

Senator Eugene Millikin, leading Republican member of the Atomic Committee, said Mr Hoover undoubtedly would be asked whether his men are on the trail of any American or foreign accomplices in the atomic spy operation. He said the Committee had not been told when Fuchs implicated anyone in his reported confession.

Democratic Senator Millard Tydings predicted that one outcome of the Fuchs affair would be a "more intense and more complete" investigation of "everybody connected" with atomic energy and H-bomb work.

In a radio broadcast today, Senator Tydings said he fervently hoped the affair would not result in breaking up the moves toward new and closer partnership between the United States, Britain and Canada.

WORLD HUNGER PROBLEM TAKES NEW TURN

Washington, Feb. 5.—The United States Agriculture Department said today that the world hunger problem has reached a point where marketing rather than production is the biggest headache.

The Department made the statement in its annual report on the world food situation.

It said that while hungry people are eating better than at any time since the war, their diets still are below prewar levels. Part of the blame lies in the fact that world food production has increased only two to three percent over prewar while the population has climbed more than 10 percent.

But the major problem is how to funnel food from surplus producing nations like the United States, to shortage countries, like India, which need food but lack the dollars to buy.

This problem is pointed up, the report adds, by the accumulation of huge food surpluses in the United States when people are not getting enough to eat in other areas.

The Department says, however, there should be "further improvement" in world food supplies in the coming year if optimistic 1950 crop production estimates are borne out. It said crops in the northern hemisphere are "generally good" although Russia may run into difficulty with its winter wheat crop.

In the Soviet Union there were reports of a dry autumn and the snow cover has been light in a number of western regions. Winter wheat in the United States is developing well and prospects are for a good crop despite the 15 percent decline in plantings. The average planted to winter wheat in India and Japan is slightly higher than last year and developments to date are good although more rain is needed in India.

Europe which had an "unusually mild" autumn, which permitted late plantings, has increased its winter wheat average slightly over last year, the report states, adding that rainfall has been good and the crop is coming along well.—United Press.

Recognition Of Indonesia

London, Feb. 5.—Poland has recognized the United States of Indonesia, M Stefan Wierzbicka, the Acting Foreign Minister, told the Polish Parliament, according to Warsaw Radio today.

The Polish Government has sent a letter of recognition to Dr Mohammad Hatta, the Indonesian Premier, and at the same time notified the Netherlands Ambassador in Warsaw of its decision.—Reuter.

MAJOR QUAKE RECORDED

New York, Feb. 5.—Two "very severe" shocks were recorded on Fordham University's seismograph on Saturday night, it was reported today. It placed the shocks at a distance of about 9,000 miles from New York, probably in the Dutch East Indies. It was said that the recorded shocks indicated a "major quake" that would be destructive at the scene.—United Press.

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Grenade Thrown Into Station

Leighorn, Feb. 5.—Three men, described by the police as "Communists," tonight threw a hand grenade into a police station at Per's Ferry, near here.

Several policemen inside the station had lucky escapes. The police are still hunting for the bomb throwers.—Reuter.

Heavy Galilee Snowfall

Haifa, Feb. 5.—Nearly four inches of snow have fallen in North Israel and Galilee, where a cold spell has reduced temperatures to seven degrees below zero Centigrade.

Israel's native population has never seen such a sight which overshadows the slight fall 10 days ago, reported by the Haifa weather station to be the first snow observed here in 30 years.—Reuter.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE SCENES

London, Feb. 5.—Catholics bled and shouted "We do not want Communists!" when a man from the crowd tried to speak through a microphone used by Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, at a meeting in support of Catholic schools here today.

Cardinal Griffin was leading Trafalgar Square after giving his blessing to the thousands of Catholics when the man, spinning to the platform and shouting "The revolution will come in six years' time!"

He was howled down by the crowd. The police led him away.

The meeting was in protest against what the Catholics consider to be the "atheistic" policy of the British Government. They had planned to march to the Houses of Parliament.

SHOCKING TERRORIST OUTRAGE

Singapore, Feb. 5.—M. C. High Commissioner Sir Horace Curzon, today visited the Perak village of Singapore, Perak, which was destroyed by a series of Communist terrorist attacks yesterday.

One young girl was burned to death in the fire and many other villagers were seriously injured. A man was drowned when he jumped into a well to escape from the blaze.

Over 100 houses were destroyed and 1,000 people were left homeless.

Sir Henry today pointed out that the Government would build a new and better village for the five victims and added that the Government would be glad to meet the thousands of homeless.

Terrorists had first sought to damage water hard gradients a water pipeline near the village. The first of the water pipe was destroyed and 1,000 people were left homeless.

COURTS' PART IN CLASS STRUGGLE

Prague, Feb. 5.—Czechoslovak courts have, through their "People's Judges," become the protectors of Socialism and "effective instruments in the class struggle," the Justice Minister, Dr. Alexej Cernak said here today.

Court decisions were now in closer harmony with the "legal feeling of the people," he added.

Dr. Cernak was addressing a Congress of about 800 delegates representing 36,000 judges from the people, since the end of 1946, have had the deciding vote in nearly all civil and criminal court cases.

These judges, chosen from the workers, peasants and workers' intelligentsia, sit side by side with the professional judge, whom they outnumber.—Reuter.

Novelist Dies

Aged 76

Hampton-On-Thames, Feb. 5.—Winifred Graham, 76-year-old British novelist, died at her home early today after being ill for several months.

In private life Mrs Theodore Cory, she began writing when she was 16. Her 10th book, "Introduce," was published last February. It was the third and last volume of her autobiography.

Her age was kept a secret until her death. Throughout her life she believed in exercise as a means of keeping young.

Associated Press.

Tax Dodgers Caught

Paris, Feb. 5.—French tax inspectors, who launched at the end of last year a campaign to trade down tax dodgers, have already discovered numerous cases involving 3,773 million francs, an official communique stated tonight.

The first 50 cases, taken up by the tax authorities, permitted the Government to recover 116 million francs, the communique stated.

Imposed by the Ministry for Economic Affairs, said.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

11.35. Hongkong Calling. Programme Summary: 6.30, Children's Half-hour. Conducted by Jack Frost. (Studio); 6.50, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay); 7.15, Don Rios and his Orchestra. (Radio); 7.30, Off the Record. Presented by Ronnie Gibbons. (Studio); 8.00, Linda Carter. (Studio); 8.10, Linda Carter. (Studio); 8.20, Linda Carter. (Studio); 8.30, Linda Carter. (Studio); 8.40, Linda Carter. (Studio); 8.50, Linda Carter. (Studio); 9.00, Linda Carter. (Studio); 9.10, Linda Carter. (Studio); 9.20, Linda Carter. (Studio); 9.30, Linda Carter. (Studio); 9.40, Linda Carter. (Studio); 9.50, Linda Carter. (Studio); 10.00, Linda Carter. (Studio); 10.10, Linda Carter. (Studio); 10.20, Linda Carter. (Studio); 10.30, Linda Carter. (Studio); 10.40, Linda Carter. (Studio); 10.50, Linda Carter. (Studio); 11.00, Linda Carter. (Studio); 11.10, Linda Carter. (Studio); 11.20, Linda Carter. (Studio); 11.30, Linda Carter. (Studio); 11.40, Linda Carter. (Studio); 11.50, Linda Carter. 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LEAGUE CRICKET:

SCORPIONS BEAT ARMY AND ARE ALL BUT THE CHAMPIONS

BY "RECORDER"

Scorpions beat the Army decisively by six wickets at Sookunpoo on Saturday and are within reach of the Senior League Championship, being now a point behind Army with two games in hand.

Otherwise it was a week of upsets, the principal one of these being the Indian Recreation Club's victory by 10 wickets against the Optimists at Chater Road. But this was not all. At King's Park, Royal Navy beat the Royal Air Force by 31 runs and at Pokfulam the University beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 33 runs.

Army, who last of all were thought the Optimists' bowling, seventh batsman, by the side of one above five wickets down in the first innings of 50 or more. The Scorpions, who had been in the lead for 22 runs against the Optimists, were now in the lead by 31 runs. The Scorpions' batting was a very good one, and they were now in the lead by 31 runs. The Scorpions' batting was a very good one, and they were now in the lead by 31 runs.

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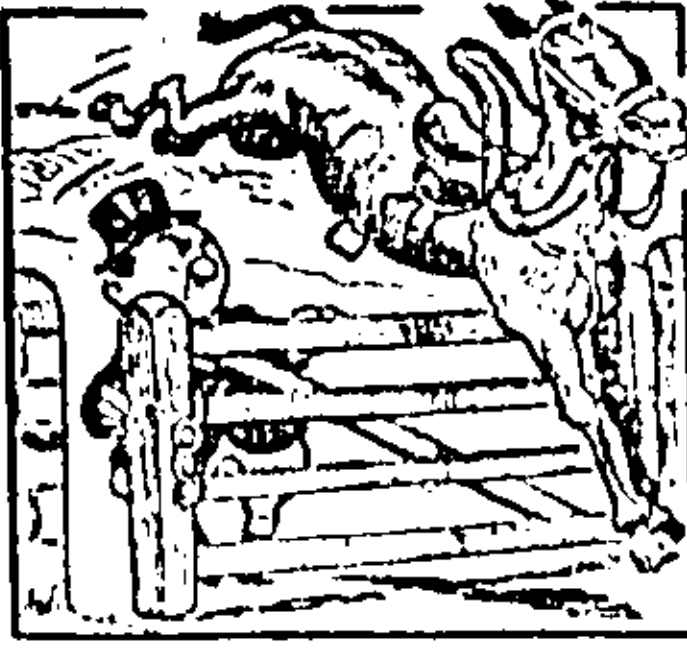
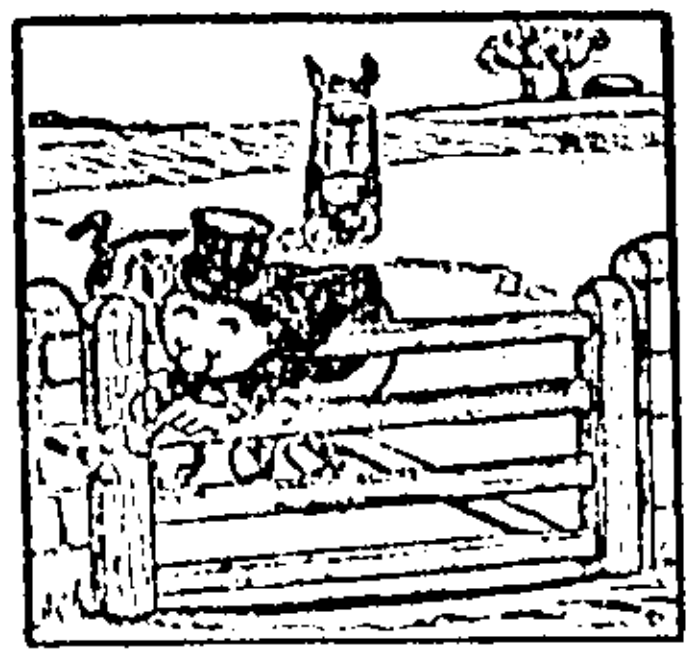
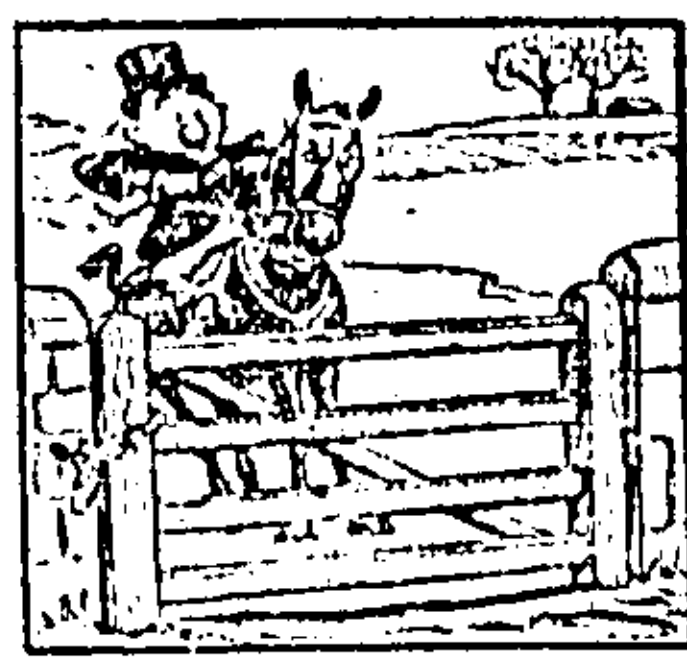
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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Empire Games Get Into Full Stride Today

BY VERNON MORGAN

Auckland, Feb. 5.—The fourth Empire Games will get fully into their stride tomorrow with rowing, cycling, fencing, weight-lifting and bowls, in addition to the continuation of the swimming and wrestling events.

The rowing events on Lake Karapiro, a by-product of New Zealand's latest hydro-electric power project, are expected to prove the big draw. On this water, the finest stretch in the Dominion, crews from England, New Zealand and Australia will do battle. There is also a lone South African sculler, Ian Stephen.

More than 25,000 rowing enthusiasts and local forces are expected to pack the banks of the great dam situated 95 miles south-west of Auckland and near the foot of the Coromandel Peninsula. The event is expected to be a great success.

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What Must A Player Do To Please His Home Crowd?

ASKS JOHN MACADAM

Watching Torquay outthrust and outplay a McCracken-less Aldershot, we were forced to a number of reflections, but mainly: What does a player have to do to please his home crowd?

Don't dismiss the point as unimportant. Torquay's John McNeill testifies to the fact that class operators with whom he has played have gone as far as to stuff cotton wool in their ears to shut out the disparagement of their own terrace boys.

It is common knowledge that sensitive players have been driven not only off their game but away from clubs, in which they were content, by persistent barracking.

Now at Torquay they have a player whom they don't barrack but, by golly, they don't cheer him either and, if it weren't for his love of football and his phlegmatic acceptance of the fact that most of the shouters don't know much about what they are shouting about they would do the same to him.

Dennis Lewis is the name. Swansea boy and now Torquay inside or outside right or any- and almost anyone can pick out that great body of below-average players who merely go in to make the number up to 11.

GOAL MAKERS

But how many can pick in their home club the indefatigable type of player like Lewis and many more we could mention—the player who is content to work the ball, create the opening and then leave it to the crowd-pleasers to get the goal?

Some other time we will run through the list and pick out a few. At the moment we toss the ball to you and let you think for yourselves whether you are right or wrong in either barracking or ignoring a player in your home side.

Nothing much need be said about the game except that Aldershot are a less than moderate side and Torquay, who on this showing could be headed for a position in the Second Division, are worthy of a better ground than the town will allow them and better support than the townspeople give them.

Vice chairman George Gillin's dream of a Torquay side representative of the whole area rather than the town itself could be coming true.

(London Express Service)

Comeback At Villa Park

Making a comeback in a new position at Villa Park is Eddie Lowe, who was at his best for the Villa in their third round FA Cup-tie with Middlesbrough.

Eddie, the elder of two sons who followed their famous goalkeeper father as a professional, has experienced some of football's pleasures and griefs since he was spotted playing in a Works FA Cup Final at Villa Park four years ago.

Less than two years after he decided to make football his career, Eddie was one of the heroes of an England side which thrashed Portugal by ten clear goals in front of their own countrymen. He was also representing his country at half-back against France at Highbury, and Switzerland.

Then, a bare six months later, at the very start of 1949, this quiet Halesowen lad found himself a Central League player completely unable to gain a place in Villa's side struggling to remain in the First Division.

The wheel had turned full circle, and Eddie spent wearisome weeks as 12th man to the senior side, broken only by occasional games with the reserves. In the whole of 1949, Eddie made only five appearances.

But loyalty has had its reward, and Lowe is establishing himself again as an inside forward.

Courteously enough, the Tees-iders whom he played against have been the milestones along the chequered road of his short career. It was at Ayrshire Park in August 1946, when Villa beat Middlesbrough, that Eddie made his First Division debut.

He was a regular member of the first team, making some 90 appearances, until December 1948 when Villa crashed by six goals at Middlesbrough.

It was after this match that Ivor Powell was transferred to Villa Park, and Eddie was displaced. He did not reappear until he was deputised for the Welsh International in the closing match of last season.

And his opponents were once again Middlesbrough, who obtained the one point necessary to save them from relegation.

MANAGERS' NURSERY

New acting manager of Bristol Rovers in place of Brough Fletcher is Bert Tanna, yet one more former Charlton Athletic player who has risen to managerial status.

One of Bert's former colleagues at the Valley is now just across the way at Ashton Gate, home of neighbouring Bristol City. He is Ron Wright, who was with Charlton as player and manager.

Among Charlton contemporaries of Tanna and Wright who have become managers since the war are George Stephenson (Huddersfield Town), Sydney Cann (Southampton), Don Welsh (Brighton) and Hove Albion and Albert "Salmon" Brown, who combined the duties of player and manager at Gorleston, his first club.

Until recently Harold Hobbs, Charlton's former England international left-winger, held a similar appointment with Tonbridge, the Southern League club.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

'Trap Bids' Often Bad for Partner

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

ONE of the pitfalls in bidding for the beginner is termed "trap bidding." The point I want to impress upon your mind today is this: Before you make a bid, ask yourself if it will trap your partner in any way.

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Check Your Knowledge

1. Identify William Shakespeare.
2. What causes a person to be able to fly?
3. What is a planet?
4. What languages have contributed to the development of the English language?
5. How many voyages did Christopher Columbus make to the western hemisphere?
6. Name the second largest continent.

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Another Escape From East Zone

Berlin, Feb. 5.—A Christian Democrat, Herr Bernhard Rohner, who was suspended last month as Finance Minister of the Soviet Zone Province of Saxony, was reported here tonight to have fled to West Berlin.

The Christian Democrat Headquarters in West Berlin had no knowledge of his whereabouts, however, and the report could not be confirmed from any other source. Herr Rohner was accused of "covering economic criminals."—Reuter.

U.S. COAL DISPUTE

Full-Scale Walk-Out Expected

Pittsburgh, Feb. 5.—John L. Lewis' 400,000 soft coal miners were set tonight for a full-scale walk-out which will force President Truman's hand in the explosive coal dispute.

A White House statement said the President's next move depended on how many miners work tomorrow. A survey of soft coal fields indicated that there would be few, perhaps none.

While Lewis has issued no formal strike order, the United Mine Workers president's rejection of Mr. Truman's proposal for a 70-day fast-flooding truce was regarded by most miners as a "quit work" signal. UMW officials reported that their men were feeling "mean as hell" and ready to force the issue in the eight-month battle for a new contract, raising wages 85 cents a day, increasing royalties for the UMW welfare fund from 20 to 35 cents a ton and strengthening their right to stop work when they are not "willing and able."

Adding to pressure on President Truman for direct intervention in the economy-shaking dispute was the critical condition of the nation's coal supplies. Government sources reported less than 10 days' supply on hand.—United Press.

Violation Of Neutrality Charge

Los Angeles, Feb. 5.—A Federal judge today resumed its deliberations on the fate of six men charged with conspiracy to violate the United States Neutrality Act by smuggling planes and radio equipment into Palestine in 1947 and 1948.

The jurors retired to study the evidence in the three-month-old case yesterday afternoon. The defendants are Ralph Schummer, of New York; Herman Greenspan, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Ray Selk, Sam Lewis and Leo Gardner, all of Los Angeles; and William Sosnow, of New York.

During the trial they admitted sending material from Los Angeles to Palestine by way of Czechoslovakia, but contended that a clearance had been obtained from the United States Customs.

The Government prosecutors alleged that the planes, which were flown from here, were equipped with machine-guns in Czechoslovakia and later delivered to the Israeli forces in Tel-Aviv, where they were used against the Arabs.

If convicted the defendants face a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, or both.—Reuter.

India-Nepal Impasse

ALLEGED TAMPERING OF DOLLAR EARNINGS

New York, Feb. 5.—The New York Times reported from Paris today that the United States, "which has immense prestige in India," was being looked to in the hope that its friendly counsel could end a "prevailing impasse" between India and Nepal.

The writer of the despatch, Mr. C. L. Sulzberger, said: "Events are forcing the United States to take a diplomatic interest throughout Asia on a scale without precedent," he added.

"One case in point is that of Nepal," he said. Nepal was "on the verge of becoming a borderland in the ideological contest between Soviet Communism and Western democracy."

Mr. Sulzberger said that Nepal had to decide whether to recognize the new matter of its neighbour, Communist India, or to remain loyal to the old ally, Britain. The word was "impasse," India alleged that Nepal's late exports to the dollar area "the only source of dollars for the little kingdom" had been tampered with by India.

The Indians take the dollars received by Nepal as evidence of tampering. The Nepalese, on the other hand, claim that the dollars were obtained from the sale of their own goods. India, however, has consistently refused to accept the availability of rolling stock for Nepalese goods, it added.

This had led some Nepalese to suspect that India would like to isolate them economically with the eventual aspiration of absorbing Nepal into the Indian Republic. Until New Delhi acted more co-operatively, these suspicions were likely to remain. "Negotiations have been going on in New Delhi between Indian and Nepalese representatives for a long time without any conclusive results. As a result, Nepal has taken the occasion of her new diplomatic relationships with the United States to complain of this," the article continued.

"Nepal argues not only that she wants her own small stock of dollars but that she would like to avail herself of possible opportunities under President Truman's Point Four programme to develop hydro electric power in her valleys."

Furthermore, she would like to open herself up to survey for economic development and possibly private investment," the article said. Studies were now being made with a view to possible establishment of an airline, but until regulated transit rights across India were not only guaranteed but carried out this important border nation must remain in isolation. For this reason, the paper said, the United States, which has immense prestige in India, is being looked to in the hope that its friendly counsel can end the prevailing impasse.—Reuter.

French Dockers' Decision

Marseilles, Feb. 5.—Marseilles dockers of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour today decided to expel from their union all who helped to load French Army troops for Indo-China on the steamer Athos on February 1 and 2.

The CGT dockers had called on dockers members of other unions to "fight against the war in Indo-China" by refusing to load other ships due to sail for Indo-China.—Reuter.

Nurses Strike

Shannon, Ireland, Feb. 5.—The 100 patients in the Limerick County Hospital had no nurses to tend them today. The staff walked out because of a disputed salary increase granted to one of the nurses.

The resigned nurses say they are going to England, where salaries are higher.—Associated Press.

Physicist's Claim For Russians

Berlin, Feb. 5.—Russian physicist "probably mastered" a new type of chain reaction, it was claimed today by the Soviet newspaper, Pravda.

Professor Robert H. Havemann, a leading East Berlin physicist, wrote today: "The discovery of a new type of chain reaction, which is called 'heavy' fission, has been achieved by the Soviet physicist."

This type of reaction had been the subject of much discussion in the type school of the Americans when they talked about their "bomb" or "super-bomb."

"News from the Soviet Union concerning the application of atomic energy to peaceful purposes has in general led to the supposition that such atomic reactions have already been achieved," Professor Havemann wrote.

"Mr. Truman's theatrical blunder," as the professor described the projected American hydrogen bomb, consists of uniting super-heavy hydrogen (tritium), whose atom consists of one proton and two neutrons, with ordinary hydrogen. Out of this union comes an atom of helium and a great deal of energy.

"The advantages of this process are the exceptional purity of tritium and the great difficulty of manufacturing it. Technical processes sketched here are generally known among atom physicists and it would be totally incorrect to talk about an American monopoly in this field."

"The threat of a super bomb, which the Americans have launched, is clearly a move at the creation of panic among people who have weak nerves and are unprepared enough to take the White House's propaganda bomb at its face value."

"On the other hand, information from the Soviet Union leads to the conclusion that genuine technical progress along this path has already been made."—Reuter.

PORTUGAL'S POPULATION ON INCREASE

Lisbon, Feb. 5.—Official Portuguese statistics reveal that the country's population increased by more than 1,000,000 between 1938 and 1948.

The rate of 100,000 per year is probably continuing, the statistics showed. By December 31, 1950, the population will probably be 8,620,000. The city of Lisbon itself gained 120,000 inhabitants over the 10 years.

Food supplies failed to keep with Portugal's growing population. A total of 55,550 tons of meat, for example, were consumed in 1938, and only 55,915 tons in 1948, and the price had increased 300 percent.

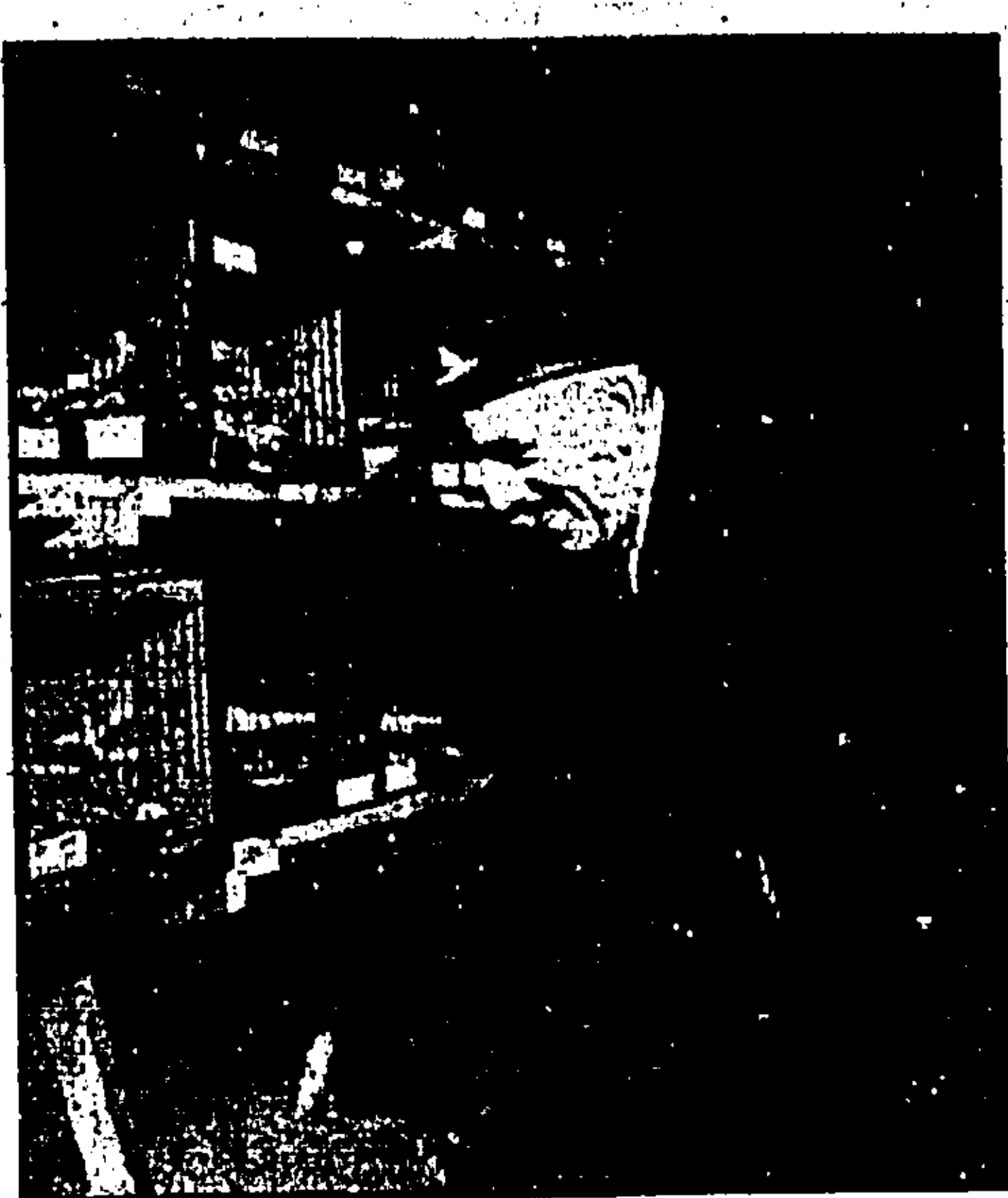
Fish consumption increased slightly more, from 130,615 tons in 1938 to 203,597 tons in 1948—a 13 percent increase—but the price increased 250 percent.—United Press.

Argument Over Madonna

Merano, Italy, Feb. 5.—Nationalists today halted the procession of a statue of the Madonna at the tiny village of Ora, on the Italian-Austrian border near here.

The German-speaking residents of the village refused to kneel before the Italian-made statue. Finally, after a heated argument, a compromise was reached. The statue was taken round the Italian quarter only while the German quarter was visited by a Madonna painting done by a German.—Reuter.

Territorials' Bird Show



More than £50,000 worth of birds were on show at the Kensington Drill Hall, London, in the first cage bird show ever organised by the Territorial Army. It attracted nearly 3,000 entries and was the second biggest show to be held in recent years. RSM C. W. Rodgers is looking over some of the bullfinches. He and 12 others mounted guard at night over the birds.

Protest Against Pro-Franco Trend In Washington

Madrid, Feb. 5.—The Falangist newspaper Arriba today published the alleged facsimile of a letter from the Spanish Socialist leader Indalecio Prieto, appealing to M. Leon Blum, veteran French Socialist, for a personal effort to halt the "pro-Franco" trend in Washington.

The publication of the alleged 80-page, confidential letter, crammed with spicy and intimate references regarding the efforts of Spanish exiles to overthrow General Franco, was regarded by some observers as an attempt to discredit Don Juan, the Spanish Pretender, by "revealing" a close connection with Spanish exiled Socialists.

Arriba did not explain how the letter, dated November 23, 1949, came into its possession. The alleged letter said that London would continue its attempt to "attack the economy" of the Franco regime, and added: "I am very grateful for all that the British Labour Party has tried to do, and recently their efforts have favoured us, including those of the branches of their Intelligence services."

But it is Washington which interests us from the point of view of victory. And in Washington the influence of the British Labour Party, and particularly of Mr. Bevin, is declining quickly.

"Of course, Dean Acheson is still in his post and Premier Attlee himself is certain that London can count on him because he is almost as British as I am American."

"I know he is very British without any need for the 'admiral' Bevin confirmed this to me and this is due to the fact that the Acheson family was originally British and not very long ago."

CHANCE IN OPINION

Prieto also said in the alleged letter that the help they were getting from the Spanish monarchists was important for the influence they wielded rather than their numbers. But, he added, latest information from Estoril—the residence in Portugal of Don Juan—was that Spanish aristocrats had sent "pessimistic reports" on support for a restoration among leaders of the Spanish church, industry, banks, universities and judiciary.

Prieto said that American military men were mainly responsible for the change in American opinion towards Spain and referred to a section of the American cotton trade as yielding a pro-Franco influence.

The letter caused much controversy in the Spanish capital today. Many doubted its authenticity, while others claimed they recognised in its racy and salty comment a style characteristic of Prieto.

Arriba said: "The letter shows that certain alleged monarchists are now arm in arm with Prieto, who was the man who led the campaign of calumny and insult against the late King Alfonso the XIII."—Reuter.

PROTEST TO ACHESON

Madrid, Feb. 5.—Spanish monarchists, supporters of Don Juan of Bourbon, issued today the text of the letter sent several days ago to protest against a statement by the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that "there is no sign of an alternative to the present Government" in Spain.

The protest said in part: "The monarchist organization maintains that the alternative to the present regime for Spain exists and promises the restoration of the monarchy in the person of the legitimate claimant, Don Juan of Bourbon. 'This monarchy is based on the democratic principles of Western civilisation adapted to the traditions and idiosyncrasies of Spaniards.'

"It is based on the principles of public and Christian law repeatedly proclaimed by Pope Pius XII."

"This monarchy would guarantee a reformed and healthy public economy, the rights of free citizens within the strict maintenance of law and order, political conciliation and harmony of a legal and pacific character for all Spaniards, the entry of Spain into the family of the Western nations."

The message ended by claiming that the monarchists' organisation had numerous secret members and sympathisers but could not stage a public demonstration to show its strength owing to the persecution from which the organisation suffers under the present regime.—Reuter.

GERMAN CREW ON BRITISH YACHT

Southampton, Feb. 5.—The 230-ton British motor yacht, My Evangeline, whose owner paid off his British crew in Bremerhaven and hired 11 Germans, arrived at Southampton today to prepare for a voyage to Malta and the West Indies.

The owner, Mr. Frederick Sydney Cotton, aged 54, described as a company director, visited the yacht when she arrived and told newspapermen that his German crew really works and are no trouble at all. There is wonderful discipline among them. If you told one to jump overboard at seven in the morning you could wait for the splash.

Mr. Cotton said he did not try to get a British crew because "all the best seamen were engaged."

He said that there were two former U-boat commanders among the crew but refused to divulge their names. "I do not want them posted," he said. "The war is over and we should not blame all the Germans."

After cruising in the Mediterranean Mr. Cotton will go to the West Indies, where he said he hoped to complete some business and "have a factory in view."

He is the second British yacht owner reported recently to have taken on a German crew. The other is Mr. R. W. Rickitt, a financier, whose ketch, Sylvia, is lying off Hamble, Hampshire.—Reuter.

LOSING HAND IN ASIA

Bangkok, Feb. 5.—A deteriorating situation in Southeast Asia confronts American diplomats who will sit down here on February 13 for their widely heralded policy conference.

Some pessimistic observers say when those attending examine their cards they will find the Western powers are holding a losing hand in the game with Communism in this part of the world—unless the cards are played more skillfully.

U.S. roving ambassador Philip Jessup, after a tour of the Far East, will bring the latest information and impressions.

U.S. ambassadors from Korea, Ceylon, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and India, and mission chiefs from Saigon, Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Peking and Hongkong will attend the meeting, which is expected to last four days.

Findings and recommendations will be reported to the U.S. State Department to help determine American policy in the Orient.

WRITING OFF

But some skilled onlookers already say privately enemies are closed as strongly in favour of Communism in this area south of China that the Western powers would do well to write off the area for the time being and prepare for the day when democratic influences might stand a chance of returning.

Most diplomats do not anticipate a direct Chinese Communist army invasion of Southeast Asia. But huge Communist Chinese forces are on the Yunnan and Kwangtung borders of Burma and Indo-China, and these observers do not care to ignore the possibility of such an invasion.

Helping India attacks on the French and Bao Dai governments in Indo-China and on Premier Luang Phibul Songkram in Thailand could be the political preparation for military aggression. Soviet India's joining Mao Tse-tung's Chinese in recognising Moscow-ruled Ho Chi-minh's regime in Indo-China could fall into the same category.—Associated Press.

ACHESON'S ORDEAL

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, may face sharp questioning by Senators this week on the Administration's China policy.

Mr. Acheson is expected to be asked to testify by a Senate Appropriations Sub-committee on State Department requests for funds in the new budget.

Senator William F. Knowland, Republican of California, chief critic of what he has called the Administration's "bankrupt" Asia policies, will be on hand with a full list of questions.—Associated Press.

Last To Leave Greece

Salonika, Feb. 5.—The last British troops to leave Greece—members of the British headquarters staff and the British Mission with their wives, 100 people in all—are due to embark at the Piraeus tomorrow.

Today, 55 officers and other ranks of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, with their families—the last remnants of the British 2nd Division in Greece—embarked here.

British troops have been in Greece since the autumn of 1944, when the Germans left. There was a question of withdrawing them in 1945, but the Greek Government, in view of the unsettled state of the country, asked that they should remain.—Reuter.

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(2) Therefore (iii) all armadillos are a solution for the Tintinnabulum Club (5).
(3) Therefore (iv) no armadillo ever takes a hand in a card game.
(4) Therefore (v) no armadillo is ever invited to Professor Miltown's parties (5).
(5) Therefore (vi) if we arrive at the conclusion, an armadillo enjoys a wickedly wicked
—London Express Service

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers
1. Jack Dempsey, former pugilist and heavyweight champion. 2. A drop of formic acid left by the bite which irritates the skin. 3. A disease caused by inhaling rock dust containing quartz and silica. 4. It is an Anglo-Saxon language to which Norman, French, Scandinavian, Dutch, Greek, Latin and Celtic elements have contributed. 5. Four 6. Africa.

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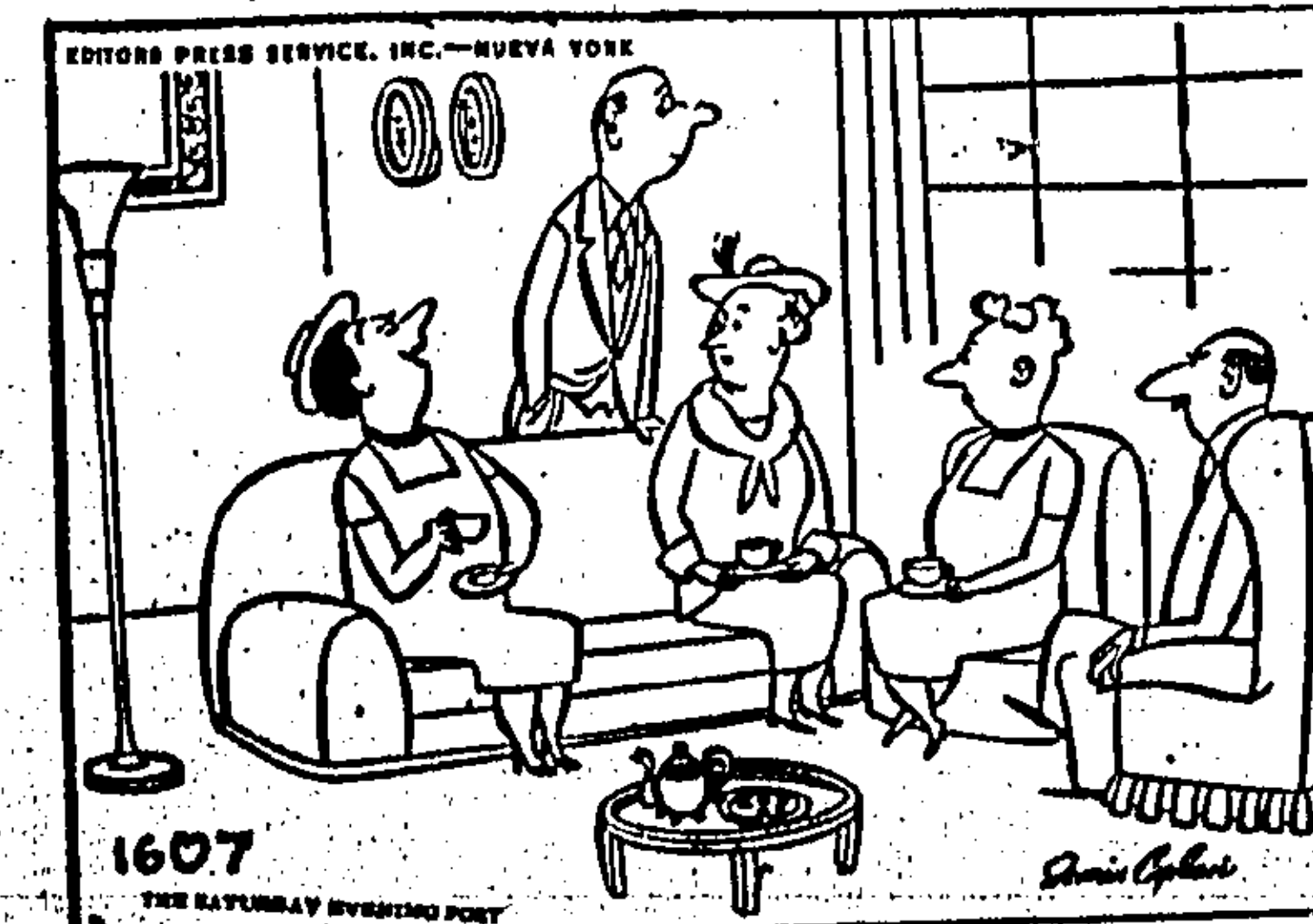
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